

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5, as follows:

To form the connection as illustrated in Figure 9, the O-ring 18 is first positioned within the groove 50 of the connector body 14. The retainer 16 is then inserted into the connector body 14. As the retainer 16 is inserted into the body 14, the first ramped top surface 78 of each arm 76 contacts the apex 36 of the rim 34. Further insertion of the retainer 16 axially inward flexes the arms ~~46~~ 70 radially inward relative to the locking members 64 and also flexes the locking members 64 radially inward relative to the ring 56. After the retainer 16 has been fully inserted into the connector body 14, the arms ~~46~~ 70 and the locking members 64 spring radially outward until the rear connecting beams 72 of the locking members 64 abut the rim 34. In its fully inserted position, the retainer 16 is constrained radially and axially within the connector body 14. Abutment of the connecting beams 64 with the rim 34 and abutment of the ring 56 with the cylindrical step 44 constrain the retainer 16 radially within the connector body 14. Abutment of the forward facing surface 58 of the ring 56 with the annular surface 46 of the connector body 14 prevents the retainer 16 from further axially inward movement. Abutment of the rear abutment surfaces 84 of the locking members 64 with the annular face 38 prevents the retainer 16 from further axially outward movement.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 4, as follows:

It is preferable that the plastic retainer is formed of ~~polyethyetherketone~~ polyetheretherketone, also known as PEEK. A suitable PEEK for forming the retainer of the presentation is available under the trademark Victrex PEEK™ 450G.